GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MANUFACTURE OF SPURIOUS DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies/factories found involved in manufacturing spurious drugs during the year 2004-2005;

(b) whether the Government has taken any action against the owners of these companies/factories; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken against them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) To ascertain the exact number of companies/factories involved in manufacturing of fake drugs is not feasible as almost all these manufacturers operate in clandestine manner without manufacturing licence. However, as per the feedback received from State Drug Authorities the total number of samples declared adulterated/spurious during 2004-05 is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) Whenever a drug is detected to be adulterated/spurious the respective State Drug Authority carries out necessary investigation and launches prosecution in the Court of Law as per the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules thereunder. As per the feedback received from State Drug Authorities the total number of prosecutions launched during 2004-05 are enclosed at Annexure.

The total number of prosecutions and detection of samples found to be adulterated/spurious may not tally as investigation may be going on in some instances and prosecution in such cases will be launched later.

Annexure

A STATEMENT SHOWING NO. OF SPURIOUS/ADULTERATED DRUGS DETECTED AND NO. OF PROSECUTION LAUNCHED BY THE STATE/UTS DRUGS CONTROLLERS FOR THE PERIOD 2004-2005.

Sl. No.	States/Uts	No. of spurious/adulterated drugs detected	No. of prosecution launched on detection of spurious/ adulterated drugs and other offences under Drugs & Cosmetics Act and Rules.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	05	73
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil
3.	Assam	Nil	Nil
4.	Bihar	Nil	118
5.	Goa	Nil	Nil
6.	Gujarat	04	14
7	Haryana	01	14
8.	Himachal Pradesh	01	02
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	Nil	Nil
10.	Karnataka	08	09
11.	Kerala	01	01
12.	Madhya Pradesh	23	34
13.	Maharashtra	02	11
14.	Manipur	NA	NA
15.	Meghalaya	Nil	Nil
16.	Mizoram	Nil	Nil
17.	Nagaland	Nil	Nil
18.	Orissa	02	01
19.	Punjab	13	06
20.	Rajasthan	07	28
21.	Sikkim	Nil	Nil
22.	Tamilnadu	47	33
23.	Tripura	Nil	Nil
24.	Uttar Pradesh	07	03
25.	West Bengal	20	06
26.	Pondicherry	NA	Nil
27.	Andaman & Nicobar	Nil	Nil

Island		
28. Chandigarh	Nil	Nil
29. Delhi	03	06
30. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Nil	Nil
31. Daman & Diu	Nil	Nil
32. Lakshadweep	NA	NA
33. Chattisgarh	NA	NA
34. Jharkhand	Nil	03
35. Uttaranchal	Nil	11

NA - Not Available.